

1 Mar 293

Gabinius was appointed Caesar.

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In 293, Diocletian and Maximian took each one, one of the assistants called Caesar, or Coadjutor, so establishing the TETRARCHY. The Roman Senate had declined to a mere formality; its office of senator conferred only social dignity. This decision brought a recovery of military strength (aided by introducing conscription) and renewed political stability. But the cost was very high. Doubling the

Army's size meant increased taxes, which together with attempts to freeze prices and wages by an edict in 301, produced an ever growing more expensive bureaucracy.

His reforms included reintroduction of silver & gold coins of specific design. He also minted a new bronze coin to make everyday transactions easier.

1 Mar 193

Maximian adopted his praetorian
Commander Julius Constantus as
son and Caesar
on same day.

Diocletian adopted GALERIVS
MAXIMIANUS at Nicomedia

Constantus had already married
Maximian's stepdaughter Theodora
some 4 yrs previous. Valeria married

Dirleten's daughter Valeria in June 293

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Saloninus & Constantinus were
appointed Caesars

There was trouble in North Africa, where a Barber confederation known as the QUINQUEGENTIANI (five peoples) had broken through the imperial frontier.

There was the breakaway empire of Carausius.

In the east a new threat from Persia where the warlike Sasanians had returned

The 4-mo. reign of Bahram III in 293

Mar 293

Constantine I was appointed Caesar.

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Valerius & Constantius I were appointed
Caesars.

summer 293

While Diocletian and Galerius were fighting in the east, CONSTANTIUS and Maximian were bringing the breakaway British empire to heel. The task fell mainly to Constantius. He began in the summer of 293 by recapturing the territories along the southern side of the Channel, including the major naval base at GESORIDCUA (Boulogne). Carausius barely survived the setback; later in the same year he was murdered by ALLECTUS, his treasurer, in a palace coup.

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Tetrarchy :
Constantine I Chlorus and
Galeries made Caesars.

293AD.

CELYS

Carausius ruler of Britain
is murdered.

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CAR AUGUSTUS assassinated by
usurper Alectus.